



A MAN'S TRANSFER-MATION

Artist Julian Manthorne poses for a photo with some of the bus transfers that he has collected at his apartment on Monday. Manthorne aims to collect 70,000 transfers for a sculpture he is creating. Story, [metroNEWS](#). JEFF HARPER/METRO

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ATLANTIC PLAYLAND

Water park given go-ahead to expand, but no timeline yet



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Northwest Community Council has given Atlantic Playland the go-ahead to start expanding the water park, but the owner can't say when that might happen.

The community council held a public hearing about a proposal from Lalaina Biasotti, the park's owner, asking to create a new development agreement with the city. The expansion could add up to 10 new rides, and seven new waterslides to the park.

"I can't think of a better spot to increase a recreational area," said Scott Warnica, who owns six acres of land next to the park. "Instead of people travelling to the valley or to Moncton, I think they should increase the size of Atlantic Playland and keep the dollars here in HRM."

Peter Verge and his wife Annette own land next to the

park. They had some concerns about a roller-coaster being put on the property, and the effect it might have on their horses, but Biasotti was quick to clarify that she has no plans to install a roller-coaster.

Another Lucasville Road resident, Iris Drummond, suggested that couple should have done more research before choosing where to build their home and ride their horses.

"I think it will be great, not only for Lucasville, but for the whole HRM and surrounding areas," she said.

It's unclear, though, when the project will go ahead.

Biasotti told Metro after the meeting she had nothing to add, but when pressed, said she believes people in the area are supportive, but she lacks the funding to be able to nail down a set timeline for construction.

She said she'd looked into government funding before, but was told it all went to Upper Clements Park in the valley.

Coun. Brad Johns echoed that when asked if he thinks the park can pay for these upgrades, saying it sustains itself, but it's "disappointing" that the government put money into Upper Clements, but hasn't funded Atlantic Playland.



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WEATHER MAKING A SPLASH A kayaker takes advantage of Monday's warm weather by going for a paddle on the Kearney Lake. Temperatures reached low 20s, with Environment Canada calling for rain on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'It's detrimental to Canada'

MEDICINE

Halifax crowd protests cuts to refugee health program

Heide Pearson
Metro | Halifax

"Say it loud, say it clear: Refugees are welcome here," shouted a crowd of people protesting cuts to the Interim Federal Health Program (IFH) outside the Dalhousie medical school on Monday.

Medical professionals, volunteers and people from the community gathered to take part in the National Day of Action for Refugee Health.

Cutting the IFH makes it



Dr. Tim Holland speaks at a protest against cuts in funding for refugee health care on Monday in the courtyard of the Sir Charles Tupper Building. JEFF HARPER/METRO

hard for refugees to access basic health care within Canada.

"I think it's detrimental to Canada to allow people to come to this country and not feel safe and feel protected under health care," said Mark Harris, a health-care professional who volunteers with the Halifax

Refugee Clinic.

Rallies were held in 20 other Canadian cities on Monday to increase awareness about what the cuts mean for refugee patients.

The federal government made cuts to health care for refugees in 2012, making it difficult for them to access

programs like pre-natal care, check-ups for young children and even cancer care. The Federal Court has called the cuts unconstitutional, but the government continues to fight to cut access to health.

Tim Holland is a physician with the Halifax Transitional Health Clinic for Refugees. The clinic tries to fill in the gaps in health care caused by the IFH cuts.

Holland said that Canada should be a safe haven for refugees, not a country that turns them away.

"In one fell swoop, these cuts have undermined all our core Canadian values — health care, refugee haven, global interaction," said Holland.

Holland said the current system "sets up barriers," causing increased confusion around benefits available to refugees.

That in turn causes health-

care providers to be reluctant to offer care to refugees because they don't know how to navigate the complicated situation many patients are in.

In addition, many patients don't know where to go for care, or put off seeking medical attention until they need emergency-room attention, which is costly for both the patient and province.

"These are people coming from war-torn countries, people who have been chased out of their home countries," said Holland. "Legitimate refugees in need of health care."

+ TALKING POINT

Those protesting Monday hope that refugee health care will become an issue in the federal election.

BAYERS ROAD

Girl, 6, hit by vehicle in crosswalk

A six-year-old girl was taken to hospital Monday after she was hit by a vehicle in a crosswalk on Bayers Road.

Halifax police say the girl was crossing Bayers Road with a crossing guard when the vehicle turned out of the Halifax Shopping Centre and hit her.

She was taken to hospital with a bump on her head, and police say her injuries do not appear to be life-threatening.

The 49-year-old man driving the vehicle was given a ticket for failing to yield to a pedestrian in crosswalk.

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MORE LOCAL NEWS ONLINE

Dartmouth funeral home now licensed to mourn

BUSINESS

Bar could be set up across the hall from visitation: GM



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

A funeral home in Dartmouth will soon become the first in the province to give those grieving the loss of a loved one the chance to do so with an alcoholic drink.

Atlantic Funeral Homes' Main Street location was granted a liquor licence in April, and has plans to start serving booze at visitations in July.

"Everyone always talks about the old Irish wakes," general manager Mark Hooftman said on Monday.

"When you're celebrating a life, the celebration could be many things to different people, and for some people it could mean alcohol."

Hooftman says the company was getting requests from many of its customers for alcohol at visitations. That meant applying for a special occasion licence every time someone wanted to toast a dead relative with, for example, a bottle of the dearly departed's favourite whisky.

There is no liquor licence for funeral homes, but Hooftman applied for a licence with the province's Liquor Control Board anyway, and they made what he calls a "groundbreaking" exception.

Service Nova Scotia spokeswoman Tracy Barron said on



Mark Hooftman, general manager of Atlantic Funeral Homes, poses for a photo on Monday at the Dartmouth location, where alcohol will soon be available. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"I'm 43 years old, and when my friends come over, we don't drink coffee and tea. So heaven forbid if I died, it might be appropriate to have some wine and beer at my funeral."

General manager Mark Hooftman

Monday it's not really an exception: there's an "other" box on the form, and any funeral home can apply.

For now, only the Main

Street location will be licensed, but Hooftman says he has a meeting with the board Wednesday to discuss licences for the company's

other two locations — in Sackville and Halifax.

Hooftman sees little risk for the board in giving Atlantic Funeral Homes a licence. He says his employees will be well trained, and because people will be there for only a few hours, it's not likely that someone will abuse alcohol.

"If a family member does have too much to drink, we have a fleet full of limousines ... we can drive people home," he said.

+ YOU SAID ...

Readers' reaction to plan on Metro Halifax's Facebook page:

Tiffany Sideroff-Page:

That's what you really want to do, drown your sorrows into the liquor! Smart idea! Not!

Linda Westhaver: Who in

the Hell came up with this idea. Get a life and a real job. What, now you can get drunk at a Funeral. I hope this is just someone joking around with us.

Ian 'Tay' Landry Mac-

Lean: I think it is GREAT!!! Can have celebration of a person's life!

Stefanie Elizabeth: If it was to be set at a 1 drink limit, then I think this is a great idea to raise a glass in memory of a loved one. Anything other than that, nay!

Anita Shunamon: To each their own. Each family is different. I'm sure families could opt out if need be? I've been to both funerals, ones where you need a drink to get through, and ones, you raise a glass in honour.

Hooftman stresses the practice will be considered on a case-to-case basis, but he envisions, "At one time, if it's meaningful and appropriate to the family, that we could have a bar set up across the hall during their visitation."

ELECTIONS ACT

Political hopefuls can now get paid

A section of Nova Scotia's Elections Act has been changed to allow political candidates to earn a salary while running for office, the province's premier announced Monday.

The move comes after a single mother who planned to run as an independent candidate in the Dartmouth South byelection was told she would not be allowed to work during the campaign because her salary would be considered an illegal campaign contribution.

An amendment to the province's Elections Act was recently passed in the Nova Scotia legislature exempting salaries from the campaign contribution rules, but the change wasn't slated to take effect until Jan. 1.

In light of Charlene Gagnon's case, Premier Stephen McNeil asked Monday that the section of the law for employment remuneration be proclaimed immediately.

McNeil said the section was not fair to candidates who do not have financial support from a political party.

"The case that arose with respect to an independent candidate clearly shows that this section of the law was prohibitive and a deterrent. That's why we felt the change was necessary to begin with," said McNeil in a news release on Monday.

Gagnon, a single mother who works for a non-profit group and makes only about \$24,000 per year, said the move is a weight off her shoulders and she's excited to hit the campaign trail ahead of the July 14 byelection.

"It restores my faith in the process," said Gagnon in a phone interview on Monday. "I'm shocked. But it's giving me more energy. If you stand up for what's right, what's right will prevail."

Dartmouth South, previously held by the Liberals, is one of three ridings that will hold byelections next month.

Seats are also up for grabs in the Cape Breton ridings of Sydney-Whitney Pier and Cape Breton Centre, which were previously held by the NDP.

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Charlene Gagnon

INVESTIGATION

Halifax police release sketch of man who was found rifling through closet in woman's bedroom



Philip Croucher
Metro | Halifax

Police in Halifax have released a sketch of a man wanted in a break-in that saw a woman awake to discover a man rifling through her closet.

The woman chased him out of her home and wasn't injured.

Police say officers responded to a report of a break-

in in progress in the 5600 block of Morris Street on June 6 around 6 a.m.

A 20-year-old woman had been asleep alone in her bedroom when she awoke to find a man going through the clothes in her closet, according to police.

They say the woman confronted the man, pushing him out of her room and chasing him out of the house.

The suspect was last seen running away from Morris

Street empty-handed.

Three other people were home at the time of the incident. Police say the suspect entered through an unlocked door.

The intruder is described as white, in his 20s, about six feet tall, with a slim build, blond curly hair and glasses.

Police say at the time of the incident, he wore a dark hoodie with vertical stripes and tight-fitting, light-col-

oured jeans.

"These sketches are done in co-operation with the victim ... It's as good as the victim's recollection," Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said. "We are confident that this is what the victim saw."

Anyone who has information about the suspect, or who thinks they know who he is, can contact police at 902-490-5016 or Crime Stop-



Sketch of suspected intruder

Every transfer is a story: Artist

ART

Halifax youth is collecting transit slips for sculpture

Heide Pearson
For Metro | Halifax

Julian Manthorne has dabbled in several kinds of art — writing, painting, drawing — but his most recent project is taking on a whole new life.

The 19-year-old is collecting thousands of Halifax Transit bus transfers to create a life-sized sculpture of a man.

“Every transfer is a story, but after we use them we abandon them when the time runs out,” said Manthorne from his Fairview apartment, which he calls the “art studio.”

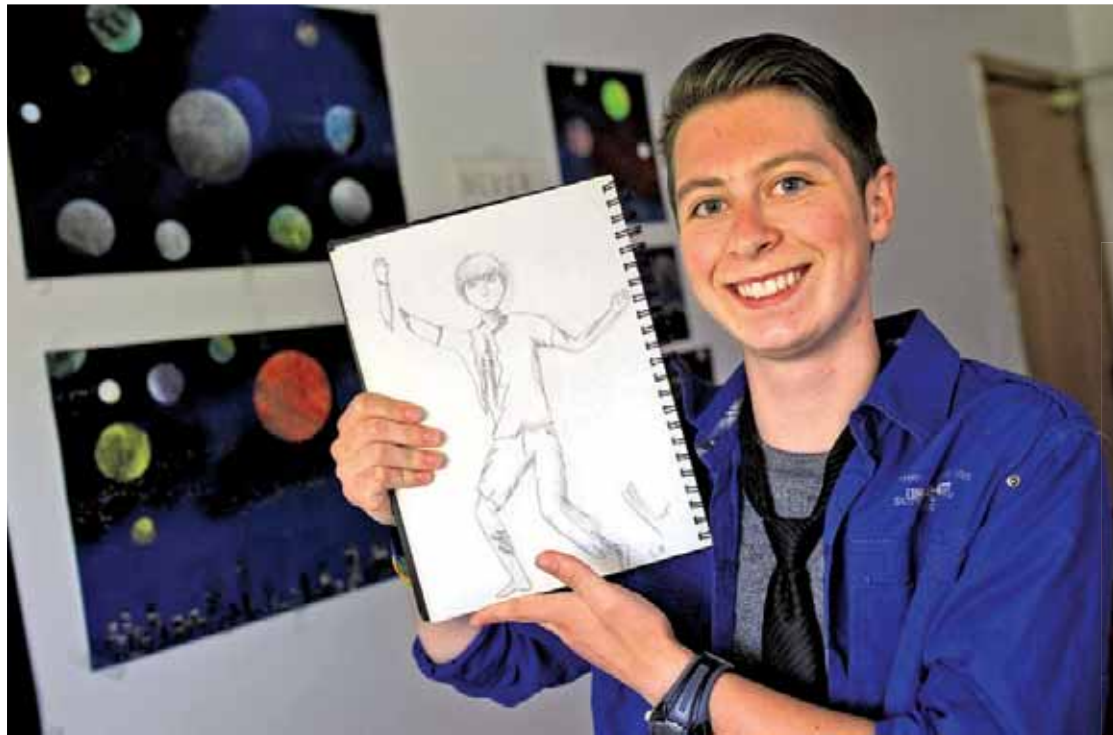
Two small bins hold the beginning stages of his project, which is only about three weeks in the making. So far, he’s collected about 170 transfers from buses and off the ground.

“I thought, ‘What if I use these transfers, these things that are basically useless, and use them to make something better, use them to make something else?’” he asked.

Manthorne expects he’ll be years finishing this major undertaking, but for him, that’s part of the ride.

“Over that time the idea can evolve and it can change and it can be edited and it can become better.”

Currently, he plans to use the transfers to make a life-sized



Artist Julian Manthorne poses with a sketch of his sculpture on Monday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

I just saw a bunch of transfers lying around on the busses and I thought it’s so strange that this is a thing that symbolizes a journey.

Julian Manthorne

papier-mâché sculpture of a dead man.

“It’s very symbolic,” said Manthorne. “He’s died and he’s been kind of discarded because his time has run out.”

He said he wants to make

people focus on the journeys they take on the bus, not the destinations.

“To do it of a man that has died is kind of, not only a symbol of the transfers but also the stories that he has had.”

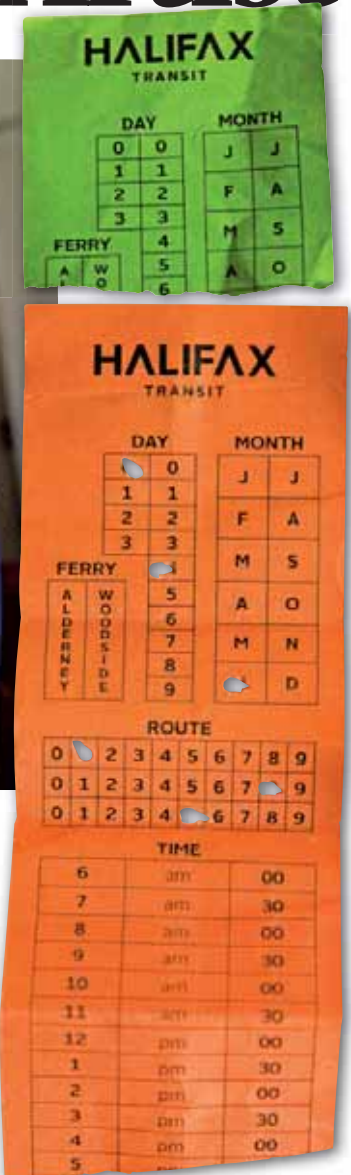
You might be wondering, why not just head to a bus depot and ask for a bunch of transfers? Well, for Manthorne, collecting the thousands of transfers is art in itself.

“Not only is it a story of journeys and of different places ... and of different small moments in peoples’ lives, but this project itself is a journey.”

Originally Manthorne thought he would need about 10,000 transfers, but after taking a second look he now thinks he’ll

need 70,000 transfers to complete his transfer man — so he’s open to donations.

“I’d love for this to make some kind of connection around the city, or even with an individual. I mean, if I can make one person think about the things that they’ve used and abandoned or the stories that every journey has,” said Manthorne.



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IN BRIEF

Man found dead under overturned ATV

Police in Nova Scotia are investigating after a man died in an ATV accident.

RCMP in Cumberland County say that a 50-year-old man from Westchester left his home on an ATV on Sunday afternoon and never came back. They say an acquaintance of the man eventually located his body underneath the vehicle on Monday morning. The ATV was overturned in a wooded area off the Hunter Road extension near Wentworth, a police release states. The cause of the crash remains under investigation. METRO

Police focus on speeding and impaired driving

Police in Halifax are focusing on speeding and impaired driving as warmer temper-

atures begin this month.

According to a release, the Halifax Regional Police/RCMP traffic unit is encouraging citizens to watch their speed and be aware that more cyclists, pedestrians and kids will be on or near the street as summer weather draws people outside. The faster you drive, the less time you have to react, police said. The unit will also be conducting checkpoints throughout the region to ensure drivers are sober and educated on the dangers of getting behind the wheel while impaired, the release said.

METRO

Crime Stoppers highlights pair of fuel thefts

Crime Stoppers is asking for help in solving two Pictou County break-ins that could be related.

Overnight on Jan. 8, thieves broke into the N.R. Kenney Logging operation on Back Road in Brookland and stole a King Generator valued at \$500 that had been bolted to the floor, according to an RCMP release.

The thieves broke the lock off a metal housing unit before removing the generator and about 300 litres of fuel, police say.

On the same night, thieves broke into the weigh-scale house at Scott Weeks Quarry, Head of Six Mile Brook Road in Six Mile Brook. There, they stole two jerry cans of gasoline before cutting a lock and entering a storage area where they stole about 700 litres in bulk fuel.

Anyone with information on either incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers.

METRO

Summer of Canada Post cuts

MAIL DELIVERY

Postal workers and supporters gather to protest change



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Community mailboxes went up at the Armdale roundabout Monday afternoon.

These ones were made of cardboard, though. Those residents soon getting their mail at a community mailbox might not have to dodge rotary traffic every day, but Mike Keefe said there are many other “terrible” spots they’ve been put in.

“It’s not so ridiculous when you factor in some of the places where they’ve placed them,” said Keefe, first vice-president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers Nova Local during a protest Monday.

This July and August will see community mailboxes go in for 35,000 addresses in Kearney Lake, Washmill Lake, Spryfield, Herring Cove, Fairview and



Employees and supporters of Canada Post protest cuts to home delivery at the Armdale Rotary on Monday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Dartmouth, Keefe said.

About 20 Canada Post employees and those against the phasing out of home delivery waved flags and held signs in the roundabout as cars honked,

whizzing by.

Seniors and those with mobility issues will find it very difficult to access the boxes in the winter through snow and ice, Keefe said, and by taking away door-

to-door delivery, those people will not see carriers who used to be the only face they could rely on every day.

“Canada Post keeps saying community mailboxes are safe,

secure, and convenient,” Keefe said. “There’s nothing more convenient than going to your front door and getting your mail.”

Keefe said thefts from community mailboxes are also a big



This is not necessary. Canada Post is profitable.

Mike Keefe, first vice-president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers Nova Local

issue, around Christmas especially. A rash of break-ins in Lucasville has been reported already.

While Keefe said it’s unclear how many jobs could be lost in the Halifax region by the phasing out of home delivery, 35 positions were lost when the Bedford and Sackville mailboxes were installed, although many came over to Halifax areas and Dartmouth, Keefe said.

“But when the Halifax and Dartmouth carriers don’t have a job, there’ll be nowhere for them to go,” Keefe said.

While Keefe said he’s heard the argument the issue is a “done deal,” the federal NDP have committed to reversing the decision if they gain power and he said it’s up to Canadians to make this an election issue.

“It’s going to take a lot of us to raise our voices,” Keefe said.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Agency to cut funding ask by \$8 million

Hearings to determine how much should be spent on efficiency programs in Nova Scotia were told Monday of a tentative deal that would see the three-year funding request by Efficiency One cut by \$8 million.

The non-profit agency responsible for providing energy efficiency programs told the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board that it had reached a deal in noon-hour talks with the province's consumer and small

business advocates and the Affordable Energy Coalition.

The verbal agreement that was expected to be formalized by Tuesday would reduce the overall funding request from \$121.5 million over three years to \$113.5 million — meaning the ask would be about \$38 million a year.

However, that still left a significant gap with Nova Scotia Power, which is requesting that it pay \$22 million a year

to fund efficiency programs.

Efficiency One said the cost to consumers, which is embedded in power rates, would result in some minimal short-term increases to power bills that would be offset by long-term savings as the overall system reduces energy costs.

Consumer advocate John Merrick said the agreement would result in a reasonable budget request that ensures consumers are getting the “best

bang for their buck” when it comes to the bottom line on their power bills.

He said consumers who don't participate in efficiency programs would probably see a jump of about one per cent or slightly more in their bills if Efficiency One's revamped request is accepted by the regulator. The hearings are scheduled to run through the rest of this week in Halifax.

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The boat Phillip Boudreau was in. THE CANADIAN PRESS

‘Murder for lobster’ case dismissed

COURT

Carla Samson was facing accessory after the fact charge

A judge has dismissed the one criminal charge against the owner of a Cape Breton fishing boat at the centre of a string of court proceedings arising from what one lawyer has described as a case of “murder for lobster.”

Carla Samson of D'Ecouse had been charged with being an accessory after the fact amid criminal allegations that surfaced following the disappearance of Phillip Boudreau. So far, those allegations have resulted in manslaughter convictions against two of the three lobster fishermen aboard the vessel Twin Maggies on June 1, 2013 — the last day Boudreau was seen alive.

Samson wasn't aboard the fishing boat that day when it rammed Boudreau's much smaller speedboat, tossing him into the water off southern Cape Breton. However, as the owner of the Twin Maggies and the wife of its captain, she was implicated in the crime.

Her trial was just getting started Monday in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Port Hawkesbury when Crown attorney Steve Drake told judge Simon MacDonald there was no realistic prospect for a conviction.

Defence lawyer Nash Brogan immediately asked MacDonald to dismiss the case and the judge agreed.

Samson, who was stand-

+ BACKGROUND

Carla Samson is the daughter of Joseph James Landry of Little Anse, who in January was sentenced to 14 years in prison, after a jury found him guilty of manslaughter. Landry was originally charged with second-degree murder. He has filed an appeal of the sentence.

ing with family and friends in the public gallery, turned and walked out of the courtroom without saying a word.

Outside the courtroom, Brogan said he wasn't surprised by the collapse of the case.

“From Day 1 we've been saying that it was a crime that she was charged,” he said, suggesting the evidence against Samson was minimal.

Drake, also speaking outside the courtroom, said the Crown couldn't prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Samson had “full awareness” of what had happened to Boudreau.

Under the Criminal Code, an accessory after the fact to an offence is a person who knows someone has broken the law and then “receives, comforts or assists that person for the purpose of enabling that person to escape.”

Samson was one of four people charged in the case, which attracted headlines in November when Drake told a Port Hawkesbury courtroom that the case amounted to “murder for lobster.”

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Five horses believed dead in Windsor fire

CROSBY STABLES

Remote area made fighting barn blaze a challenge

Several horses are dead following an early morning barn fire on Monday on the Falmouth Back Road.

Windsor Deputy Fire Chief Daniel Lavers said the owners at Crosby Stables managed to get some of the horses out of the barn, but not all of them

were accounted for.

"I'm not sure how many got out or the total number of animals yet, but we are certain that all of them didn't get out," said Lavers around 10 a.m.

By mid-afternoon, Deputy Fire Chief Jamie Juteau said they believe five horses succumbed to the blaze.

The fire call came in at 7:10 a.m. Plumes of smoke could be seen from downtown Windsor.

Due to its remote location, having enough water to fight the fire was a concern. Mutual aid was called upon, with fire departments from Brooklyn, Hantsport, Summerville and Wolfville providing assistance.

"At the height of things, we probably had 30-35 personnel on scene," said Lavers, adding that Hantsport also had a crew staged at a fill site.

Another challenge the firefighters faced was downed power lines upon their arrival.

"It limited our access to it," said Lavers. HANTS JOURNAL



Firefighters battle a fire Monday at a horse farm in Windsor. Five horses are thought to have died. HANTS JOURNAL

UPPER SACKVILLE

Police seek fourth suspect in robbery

Three people have been charged, but police are still on the hunt for one man in relation to a violent robbery last week.

On June 8, Halifax District RCMP say two armed men entered a home on Colgrove Avenue in Upper Sackville at 5:15 a.m. and tied up a 48-year-old man, a 44-year-old woman, and a 13-year-old, then stole items from the residence before fleeing in a car.

According to a release, po-

lice intercepted the vehicle and arrested a 34-year-old man and a 21-year-old in Lower Sackville.

The vehicle was towed to a police compound, where RCMP say two men that had hidden in the trunk later ran away.

One of those men was since arrested, but police are looking for the fourth suspect who is described as white man, about six feet tall, 165 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. METRO

IN BRIEF

Teen facing drug charges after allegedly trespassing

A 17-year-old boy from Kinsac faces drug charges after he was found trespassing, and left his wallet behind after fleeing the scene.

Early Sunday morning, a man on Taylor Road in Windsor Junction found a gym bag in his backyard, and then saw someone on his property.

The alleged trespasser

walked towards the homeowner, identified himself, and said he just wanted the gym bag, and then he would leave. When the homeowner took out his phone, the boy ran off.

The RCMP says the bag contained the boy's wallet and identification, money, marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia. He'll appear in Halifax youth court at a later date. METRO

INVESTIGATION

Both deputy fire chiefs said the cause of the fire was unknown.

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Naked Canucks come home

MALAYSIA

Saskatchewan siblings pled guilty to public indecency

Two Canadians who were detained in Malaysia for posing naked with other hikers on the country's highest peak have reportedly returned home.

Saskatchewan siblings Lindsey Petersen and Danielle Petersen had been sentenced to three days in jail and fined for obscene behaviour in a public place.

They were among 10 foreigners who stripped naked and took photos on Malaysia's Mount Kinabalu on May 30.

A local official has said their behaviour was disrespectful to the mountain, which is believed to be sacred, and caused an earthquake on June 5 that killed 18 climbers.

Their Malaysian lawyer has said they pleaded guilty in a local court to a charge of



Canadian Danielle Petersen, 22, right, and Eleanor Hawkins, 24, of Britain, are escorted by police as they leave court in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, on June 12. Saskatchewan siblings Lindsey and Danielle Petersen have reportedly returned home. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

public indecency.

Lawyer Ronny Cham confirmed the Petersens left the country on Saturday and media outlets in Regina said the pair were believed

to have arrived back home Sunday.

Lindsey Petersen, an engineering graduate from the University of Regina, had detailed his travels through-

out Asia over the last seven months on Facebook. When his sister joined him in Bali, Indonesia, in April, he referred to them as the "dynamic duo."

+ WEEKEND

British student Eleanor Hawkins issued a public apology to the people of Malaysia after returning home to England over the weekend.

She said on Sunday that she knows her actions had been wrong.

"I know my behaviour was foolish and I know how much offence we all caused to the local people of Sabah. For that, I am truly sorry," she said.

The story of their detention in Malaysia made headlines around the world and sparked a discussion on respect for cultural beliefs.

The other two westerners detained in the case were Dutch citizen Dylan Snel and British student Eleanor Hawkins.

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TORONTO

Officials seize meat at airport

The Canadian Border Services Agency says 27 kilograms of undeclared raw meat have been seized at Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

The agency says they were first alerted to the cache when a detector dog smelled something unusual at a baggage carousel last Tuesday.

When the luggage was brought into a secondary inspection area, border officers found a selection of products including partly frozen beef cuts, whole goose and smaller avian birds.

A traveller from Egypt was counselled about the requirement to declare all food, plant, animals and related products.

The meat was seized and destroyed. The border agency says many travellers are unaware that undeclared meat, animal hides, live birds, plants and fruit may damage Canada's food supply, economy, environment and pose a risk to human health.

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PRIVACY

Watchdog warns of tracking

The federal privacy watchdog warns that searching online for information about pregnancy tests, liposuction or a divorce lawyer can prompt related ads to pop up on your computer screen.

Privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien says new research

released by his office reveals a small but troubling number of cases in which major websites used such sensitive information to target Internet users without appropriate consent.

Many websites track a user's online activities with the aim of delivering ads aligned to

their interests.

Four years ago the commissioner's office issued guidance to advertisers advising them to avoid collecting sensitive personal information, such as health-related details, in order to deliver their ads.

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A tourist photographs a damaged building near Basantapur Durbar Square in Kathmandu, Nepal on Monday. NIRANJAN SHRESTHA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heritage sites reopened in Nepal

BHAKTAPUR

UNESCO raises concerns as country hopes to lure tourists

Nepal on Monday reopened most of the cultural heritage sites that were damaged in a pair of devastating earthquakes, hoping to entice back foreign tourists.

The April 25 and May 12 quakes killed more than 8,700 people and damaged hundreds of thousands of buildings in Nepal, including old temples, palaces and other historical structures that are popular with tourists.

Six of the seven UNESCO World Heritage sites that

closed after the quakes were reopened Monday, Tourism Minister Kripasur Sherpa said.

"We are urging people to come to Nepal for holiday to help Nepal rebuild," Sherpa said in Bhaktapur, a city outside of Kathmandu filled with ancient temples, and which is among the reopened heritage sites.

The sites were closed due to the damage from the quakes, but also over concerns about the safety of tourists.

Bhesh Narayan Dahal, chief of Nepal's Department of Archaeology, said that measures have been taken to ensure that tourists are safe, and that there are plans to provide safety helmets for visitors in some places.

Some 741 heritage structures were damaged in the quakes, and it will take at least \$18 million to rebuild and restore

them, Dahal said.

Nepal is hosting an international donors' meeting next week in Kathmandu, the capital, to seek money to help rebuild the Himalayan country following the quakes.

About 800,000 foreign tourists visit Nepal every year and the government is worried that a fear of earthquakes will stop many from visiting.

UNESCO, the United Nations' cultural heritage organization, had raised concerns last week about the reopening of the heritage sites, urging tourists to be extra cautious and reconsider visiting them.

The agency also asked the government to restrict tourists' access to locations where structures had collapsed and that were still considered unsafe.

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GEORGIA

People, dangerous zoo animals still missing after Tbilisi flood

Workers and volunteers laboured Monday in a flood-ravaged area of the Georgian capital of Tbilisi to help victims while nervously watching for traces of dangerous animals that may have escaped the city zoo when it was inundated by the surging waters. Officials in the ex-Soviet republic said 14 people were confirmed dead.

Ten people were thought to be missing after an intense downpour and high winds on Sunday turned a stream that runs through a section of Tbilisi into a

sweeping torrent that destroyed houses, tore up roads and tossed vehicles into heaps of uprooted trees and rubbish.

The devastated zoo was still trying to determine what had happened to four lions, three tigers and one jaguar whose enclosures were flooded, zoo spokeswoman Khatia Basilashvili said.

The government declared Monday a day off from work and school while the search for the missing and the cleanup work

went ahead in Tbilisi, a city of 1.1 million people. The government has urged residents to avoid going near the zoo.

None of the people who died were killed by the zoo animals that got loose, Tbilisi Zoo Director Zurab Gurielidze said. Three zoo employees were among those who drowned.

One of the potentially most dangerous animals to escape, a hippopotamus, was tranquilized and returned to the zoo on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BY-ELECTION
Dartmouth South



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 ELECTIONS
NOVA SCOTIA

NAACP leader quits after parents reveal she's white

RACE

Old photos show her as a pale child with blond hair

The president of a city chapter of a major U.S. group advocating for the rights of African Americans resigned Monday amid a furor over racial identity that erupted when her parents came forward to say she has been posing as black for years when she is actually white.

The announcement was posted on the civil rights organization's Facebook page. It said the attention surrounding Rachel Dolezal has distracted from the group's goals.

"The dialogue has unexpectedly shifted internationally to my personal identity in the context of defining race and ethnicity," according to a statement attributed to Dolezal, a longtime figure in the civil rights community of Spokane, Ore., who was elected to the NAACP post six months ago.

"I am consistently committed to empowering marginalized voices and believe that many individuals have been heard in the last hours and days that would not otherwise have had a platform to weigh in on this important discussion."

Meanwhile, Spokane is investigating whether she lied about her ethnicity when she landed an appointment to the city's police oversight board. On her application, she said her ethnic origins included white, black and American Indian.

Dolezal, a 37-year-old woman with a light brown complexion and dark curly hair, attended



Rachel Dolezal, president of the Spokane NAACP chapter, resigned Monday after her parents said she has been posing as black for years. COLIN MULVANY/THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

We hope that Rachel will get the help that she needs to deal with her identity issues.

Ruthanne Dolezal, mother of Rachel Dolezal

historically black Howard University, teaches African studies at a local university and was married to a black man. For years, she has publicly complained of being the victim of racial harassment in the heavily white region.

The uproar over racial authenticity and professional

honesty unfolded last week after Dolezal's parents told the media their daughter is white with a trace of Native American heritage. They produced photos of her as girl with a pale complexion and straight blond hair.

Her mother, Ruthanne Dolezal of Troy, Mont., told re-

porters she has had no contact with her daughter in years. She said Rachel began to "disguise herself" after her parents adopted four African-American children more than a decade ago.

Rachel Dolezal initially dismissed the controversy, saying it arose from litigation between other relatives who have divided the family. She has not returned repeated calls from The Associated Press.

Late last week, the national NAACP stood by her, saying "one's racial identity is not a

+ BACKGROUND

On Friday, police said they were suspending investigations into racial harassment complaints filed by Rachel Dolezal, including one from earlier this year in which she said she received hate mail at her office.

Police said that one hate mail package did not bear a date stamp or barcode, meaning it was probably not handled through the post office.

qualifying criteria or disqualifying standard for NAACP leadership." But she had come under increasing pressure from local chapter members to resign.

Kitara Johnson, an NAACP member in Spokane who has been calling on Dolezal to step down, welcomed the resignation.

"That's the best thing that can happen right now," Johnson said. "We are going to stand in unity and solidarity."

Johnson said that the most important thing is to focus on the work of the NAACP, but that she hopes Dolezal remains a member of the organization.

Cornell William Brooks, national president of the NAACP, declined to comment on the resignation.

Dolezal's parents appeared on the Today show Monday and said they hoped to reconcile with their daughter.

"We hope that Rachel will get the help that she needs to deal with her identity issues. Of course, we love her," Ruthanne Dolezal said.

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ISIL

Kurds capture key town

U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters captured large sections of a strategic town on the Syria-Turkish border on Monday, dealing the biggest setback yet to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), which lost a key supply line for their nearby self-proclaimed capital.

The seizure of Tal Abyad threatened to inflame tensions between Kurds and ethnic Arabs, who accused the Kurdish militia of deliberately displacing thousands of people from the town, which has a mixed population.

Redur Khalil, a spokesman for the main Kurdish fighting force, known as the YPG, said Kurdish fighters entered from the east and were advancing west toward the town's centre amid fierce clashes with pockets of ISIL resistance.

"We expect to have full control over Tal Abyad within a few hours," he told The Associated Press by telephone. A few hours later, the YPG announced on its Facebook page that it had liberated the town.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights confirmed the Kurdish fighters had "almost full control" of Tal Abyad by Monday evening, and had taken command of the border crossing with Turkey.

It said some 40 ISIL militants were targeted by U.S.-led airstrikes as they tried to flee south.

The loss of Tal Abyad, approximately 80 kilometres north of Raqqa, the capital of ISIL's self-declared caliphate, is the extremists' biggest setback since Kurdish fighters took control of the Kurdish border town of Kobani near Turkey, after fighting ISIL for several months.

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MARRIAGE

Iran launches first matchmaking site

Iran launched its first official matchmaking website on Monday in a bid to encourage millions of singles to marry, officials said, insisting it is not a dating service.

"We have high demand for marriage and 11 million bachelors who are increasing every day," Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Mahmoud Goltzari said. "This is a significant issue for the ruling system," he added.

The website, Hamsan.Teb-

an.net, allows singles to post their profiles and specify what they are looking for in a potential spouse. A board of mediators matches applicants after reviewing their age, education, wealth and family background.

Iran, with a population of 80 million, has begun encouraging young people to marry and have more children. The government fears that an aging population could one day overwhelm its social programs.

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IN BRIEF

Oil tanker believed hijacked by pirates

A Malaysian oil tanker that went missing last week carrying fuel worth \$5.6 million and 22 crew members is believed to have been hijacked by pirates, marine police said Monday. MT Orkim Harmony was loaded with gasoline belonging to national oil company Petronas. Another Malaysian tanker hijacked June 4 in the same area was released after its fuel was siphoned off.

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COURT RULING

Sudanese president al-Bashir flees arrest for war crimes

Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir arrived in Khartoum on Monday to cheers of supporters after leaving South Africa, where a court had ordered his arrest based on an international warrant for war crimes charges.

Al-Bashir raised a stick in the air as he stepped out of the plane, waving to a few hundred supporters who greeted him at the airport. Some chanted "God is Great" while others cried with joy.

A South African court ruled that al-Bashir, who was attending an African Union summit, should be arrested. The ruling came after he left.

Al-Bashir, in office since a 1989 military coup, is wanted by the International Criminal Court on war crimes allegations linked to the conflict in Sudan's Darfur region.

In Geneva, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the International Criminal Court's authority must be respected.

However, a Pretoria court's ruling that al-Bashir should be arrested came after he had left the country and in defiance of an earlier court order that he should remain in the country while judges deliberated.

The charges against al-Bashir stem from reported atrocities in the conflict in Darfur in which 300,000 people were killed and two million displaced in the government's campaign, according to UN figures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kaufhof purchase only the beginning

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Deal to buy into European market years in the making

Hudson's Bay Company is still shopping for acquisitions in Europe, even as it announced Monday it is buying a chain of German department stores in a deal worth \$3.3 billion.

"Having surveyed the European marketplace for many years, this transaction was a long time in the making," said Richard Baker, HBC governor and executive chairman, in a conference call with analysts Monday morning.

He called the newly purchased Kaufhof chain of department stores, operating in Germany and Belgium, "an ideal platform for HBC's entrance into Europe, (providing) a base from which we can continue to grow in the future."

Kaufhof has 103 Galeria Kaufhof locations and 16 Sportarena stores. Kaufhof also operates Belgium's only department store with 16 Galeria INNO locations across the country. The parent company is Metro AG.

The deal is expected to close by the end of the third fiscal quarter. The purchase will be financed by the sale of at least 40 of Kaufhof's owned or partially owned properties to Simon Property Group, a joint venture between HBC and U.S.-based Simon



The deal between Hudson's Bay Company and German retailer Metro AG for its department stores is worth \$3.3 billion. Once the deal is final, HBC will gain ownership of Galeria Kaufhof and Galeria Inno. MARTIN MEISSNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Property Group.

Chief executive officer Jerry Storch said HBC will be bringing Saks Fifth Avenue and Saks Off Fifth to Germany and Belgium, primarily within existing real estate.

"Saks Fifth Avenue is a global luxury brand with international recognition and we believe that there is untapped potential for upscale luxury retail in Germany," said Storch.

He said Canadian consumers will benefit from having European brands made available to them in Canada.

When the deal closes, HBC will have 464 locations in four countries under eight different banners, including Lord & Taylor and Saks Fifth Avenue. The company estimates its eight main banners will generate about \$13 billion annually.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

GM ignition switch death total increases to 114

The death toll from faulty ignition switches in General Motors small cars has risen by three to 114. GM recalled 2.6 million cars last year, but admitted it knew about the switch problems for over a decade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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REAL ESTATE

Housing market hits five-year high

Home sales accelerated in May to their highest level in more than five years, as some home buyers looked to preempt an increase in mortgage insurance premiums.

The Canadian Real Estate Association said Monday sales last month through its MLS system were up 3.1 per cent from April, marking the fourth consecutive month-over-month increase.

Sales in the Toronto area grew by 4.1 per cent in May compared with the previous month, while sales in Calgary climbed 6.7 per cent and Ottawa gained 6.2 per cent.

CREA president Pauline Aunger says news that CMHC will be increasing mortgage default insurance premiums for home buyers with less than

a 10 per cent down payment effective June 1 could have impacted home sales.

"Some buyers may have jumped off the fence and purchased in May to beat the increase," Aunger said in a statement.

CREA anticipates that national home sales will climb to 487,200 units this year, 1.3 per cent higher than last year.

TD Bank economist Leslie Preston said a recent rise in government bond yields could push mortgage rates higher this year, dampening demand for real estate across the country.

Preston anticipates that house price gains will slow next year to around two to three per cent.

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the big question

When will Lac-Mégantic victims get paid?

Canadian Pacific Railway took heat Monday for making victims and creditors wait even longer for a \$431.5-million settlement related to the deadly 2013 rail accident. Of the 25 companies being sued, CP was the only one to balk at paying into a compensation fund, saying the case should be federal. CP denies any responsibility, because at the time of the disaster the train had been ceded to MM&A and was neither operated by CP employees nor travelling on CP tracks. SOURCE: THE CANADIAN PRESS

To make better use of McNab's, add a ferry

YOUR RIDE

Erica Butler



For the majority of us, McNab's Island is just distant scenery.

But for the few thousand that make it over each year, it offers 20 kilometres of wooded and coastal trails, sandy and rocky beaches, an abandoned Victorian garden and two abandoned military forts (one of which is a National Historic Site).

McNab's is called the green gem of Halifax Harbour — and rightly so, with 1,000 acres of provincial parkland about 25 minutes from downtown.

Trouble is, most of us never go there because getting there is a challenge — and an expensive one.

It was pretty easy to get to McNab's Island in say,

1873, when Haligonians owned rowboats, not cars, and the Halifax Steamboat Company ran a ferry to the island three times a week, along with other harbour destinations.

Back then, McNab's was a major Sunday picnic destination for city dwellers from all walks of life.

These days you can book a boat trip for about \$20 per person round trip from Eastern Passage, and there are daily boats from Halifax during the summer, depending on interest.

Recently, the developer of King's Wharf in Dartmouth announced a water taxi service that may be able to accommodate trips to the island park.

This is all grand, but at \$20 a pop, McNab's remains out of reach for many, especially as a regular summer recreational destination.

This is where Halifax

Transit could and should come in.

A ferry to McNab's would open up the massive, under-utilized park (five times the size of Point Pleasant Park) to a growing urban population. Nothing takes the edge off of density like ready access to 1,000 acres of green space.

Obviously adding a new ferry destination would come with costs, but ferries are relatively inexpensive for Halifax Transit on a per-rider basis.

At the very least, Halifax Transit should study the potential for a weekend, recreational ferry service to McNab's.

Not only would we be making better use of the harbour as a resource, but we'd also be taking a step in the direction of making our transit system more than just a Monday-to-Friday peak commuter service.

Not only would we be making better use of the harbour, we'd be taking a step in the direction of making transit more than just a Monday-to-Friday peak commuter service.

A weekend ferry to McNab's could make use of some of our off-peak capacity and in the process reward transit riders with the opportunity to enjoy this green gem in Halifax Harbour.

Erica Butler lives in Halifax and uses transit, a car and a bicycle to get around the city. You can follow her on Twitter at @HabitatRadio.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

"The progressive wedding does its best not to be a wedding."

Millennials think we're the most progressive generation, with our casual sex and entrepreneurship, our non-religiousness and fluid gender.

But then, according to endless Facebook wedding shots, we go ahead and get married anyway — that most old-fashioned of things.

Weddings are so hot right now, despite the fact that marriage has been roundly criticized as a form of state control, as a form of patriarchy, as an unrealistic ideal of monogamy or as plain unnecessary. It doesn't sound like an institution for the independent Millennial, but according to Wedding Bells magazine, there were about 162,000 weddings in 2014 (compared to 147,000 in 2008) and the average age of brides was 31.

My most radical feminist friend says she'll be hitched within the year. I, too, want to get married. As I see it, we justify this in two ways.

First, the progressive wedding does its best not to be a wedding. We elope, or hold a ceremony in the woods using our BFF as justice of the peace (certified online). We trick our guests into surprise nuptials at a restaurant or we throw pop-up weddings on the cheap (now trending in Vancouver). With every bride not in white and every groom

taking his wife's name, we personalize weddings away from tradition. It's more a life-commitment ceremony. A love-validation declaration.

Second, we believe we really will be together, as equals, forever. I take my parents as a model: a quirky, adorable pair, rarely apart for more than an afternoon, happily low-key about happily ever after. That, I assume, is what awaits me: devotion, despite challenges, to being a team.

Preoccupied with being real about love, we take the self-help philosophy that we can create a winning marriage. We will choose well, we tell ourselves, after exhaustive dating and solemn reflection on what we're looking for. We will talk it out and we will test it out during a few years of living together.

Despite a divorce rate long hovering around 40 per cent, and the fact that, statistically, our mid-40s will be our divorce years, we hold onto a sort of future nostalgia, a Humans of New York-style image of our two wrinkled faces, captioned: "Still best friends."

I hope (irrationally) that will be the fate of all my friends, and my fate, too.

But it's time to accept, despite New-Age tweaks, how truly old-school you are on your wedding day.

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GoT fans left with questions

GAME OF THRONES

Warning: Here be spoilers for the HBO series' Season 5 finale

Brian Gasparek
For Metro

On Sunday night, HBO brought us another epic Game of Thrones season finale. In typical Westeros fashion, the final episode of Season 5 was a jaw-dropping, bloody affair that shocked us, confused us and violently tugged at our heartstrings (say it ain't so, Jon!).

While the episode left us emotionally rattled, it also spurred a handful of mortal cliffhangers for us to mull over until next spring. Which of our most beloved and hated characters are actually dead?

Here's a recap of who's dead, who could be dead and who deserves to be dead after the Season 5 finale. And yes, this is completely full of spoilers. So stop reading if you haven't watched it yet!

Jon Snow

Jon Snow's fate in the season finale was a complete shiv to the heart for viewers ... no pun intended. Sadly one of our most beloved characters from the beginning of the series is indeed dead thanks to an act of mutiny by his peers who branded him a traitor. As much as we all want to see Jon



Did your favourite Westeros inhabitant survive the season-ending episode? CONTRIBUTED

rise from that blood puddle in Season 6, actor Kit Harington just confirmed in an interview with EW that he would not be returning to the show next season. Just like in the books, Jon Snow seems to be dead for good. His shocking death has already prompted masses of fans on social media to declare that they won't be tuning in next season. Let's hope for a ghost cameo down the line.

Stannis Baratheon

In Stannis Baratheon's last scene of the season, we were potentially spared some serious gore. When we last saw mean old Stannis, he was severely injured and about to be decapitated by Brienne of Tarth after she sentenced him to death for his crimes. Right as her sword came down, the scene jump-cut to a shot of Ramsay killing in battle. So does that mean the last remaining Bara-



We've learned that loving moments don't last too long in Game of Thrones.

theon brother is dead? It sure looked like it with the force of that blade coming down on his neck. And we should all hope

so. None of us would be sad to see that evil bugger go, right?

Sansa Stark and Theon 'Reek' Greyjoy

After Theon snapped and shoved the evil Myranda to her death off the tower in Winterfell, the last we saw of Reek and his pseudo-sister Sansa was the pair holding hands while hurling themselves off the building to escape from scummy Ramsay and his men.

The fate that awaits these two in Season 6 is anyone's guess. Could they both have somehow survived the fall? Could Theon have redeemed himself by taking his own life to break Sansa's fall? Game of Thrones is heartless after all and they both could very well be dead. But we all want to see Sansa live to find vindication against Ramsay, don't we?

Myrcella Baratheon

We've learned that loving moments don't last too long in Game of Thrones. After a tender moment at sea with her real father Jaime Lannister, we saw Myrcella start bleeding profusely from her nose. We then found out that she was poisoned with killer lipstick. Remember that awkward long kiss she received from Ellaria Sand earlier in the episode? After witnessing a pleased Ellaria wiping her lips and taking an antidote in the next scene, we can assume that Jaime's 15-year-old daughter is indeed dead, and that Sand has gotten her revenge. Pretty harsh.

Arya Stark

Arya's final scene in Season 5 featured the young Stark warrior getting punished for killing the evil Meryn Trant by Jaqen. With her final words of 2015, Arya screams that she has gone blind after witnessing her face appear on Jaqen's body in front of her. Could Arya Stark be dead? Not a chance. If the show took Jon Snow from us, we're counting on the youngest Stark to go the distance. We need you, Arya!



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Cheerleader
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Celebrity dream casting

In one way, it's the ultimate dream for a public figure to see his or her story recreated onscreen. It's an honour, that is, if the casting is done just right. Why leave it to chance? CP asked a diverse set of celebrities: Who would play you in a movie? **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

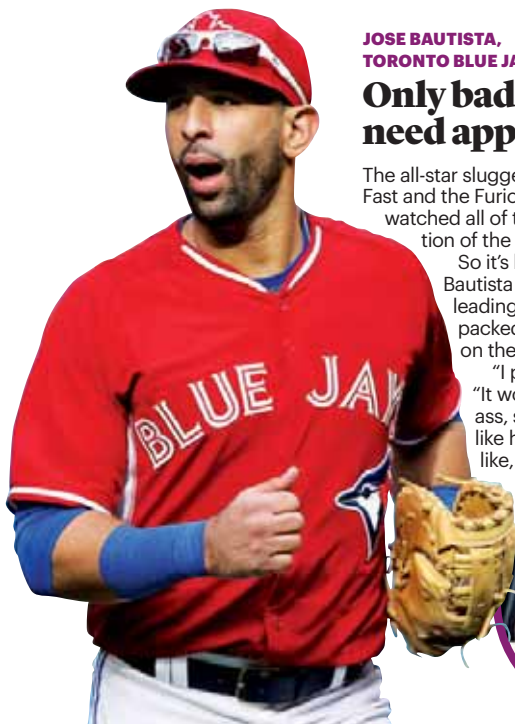
JOSE BAUTISTA, TORONTO BLUE JAYS OUTFIELDER

Only badasses need apply

The all-star slugger is a big fan of the Fast and the Furious franchise, having watched all of the films with the exception of the most recent instalment.

So it's hardly a surprise that Bautista would want one of the leading men in the action-packed series to portray him on the big screen.

"I pick **Vin Diesel**," he said. "It would have to be a badass, so definitely somebody like him that's very badass-like, superhero type of guy."



IAN MCKELLEN, OSCAR-NOMINATED STAR OF THE LORD OF THE RINGS SERIES

Younger doppelganger

An acting veteran of 50-plus years, McKellen's vote of confidence would surely mean a lot for a young actor — though the one he chose doesn't hurt for acclaim.

"Probably **Benedict Cumberbatch**, because I looked rather like him when I was his age," McKellen, 76, said from London. "But I would hope that the latter years of my life I could play myself, perhaps."



JOANNIE ROCHETTE, OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDAL-WINNING FIGURE SKATER

'Something different about her'

The decorated athlete chose an Oscar nominee known for tough and mysterious characters.

"I think I'd love **Uma Thurman** to play me because I think she's so interesting. She's strong," said Rochette, 29, the six-time Canadian champion who won her bronze at the 2010 Vancouver Games. "There's something different about her.... I loved her in Kill Bill, but also in Gattaca."



BARENAKED LADIES, EIGHT-TIME JUNO WINNERS

From John to Jared

"I've always wanted **John Cusack** to play me," singer Ed Robertson (front) said. "He's a great character actor."

"How about Paul Giamatti to play me?" drummer Tyler Stewart questioned. "Or Danny DeVito?"

For bassist Jim Creeggan, they picked Ron Howard. And multi-instrumentalist Kevin Hearn was assigned Jared Leto.



Calla Domestic Medium Hair

12-year-old Calla springs up with an enthusiastic MEOW for her visitors. She adores being spoken to and is calm, peaceful and mellow. It is easy to picture this staff favourite blissfully snoozing in the lap of her special person. As friendly and well-adjusted as she is, we expect she would appreciate spending her days basking in the loving comfort of her own home with a caring family. **If you are interested in meeting Calla, please drop by the shelter today.**



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KRISTEN STEWART

Kristen outed by mom



Well, this isn't very parental.

Kristen Stewart's mom, Jules Stewart, gave an interview to Britain's the Sunday Mirror flat-out confirming that the former Twilight star is dating her personal assistant, Alicia Cargile.

"What's not to be accepting about her now having a girlfriend? She's happy," Jules says. "She's my daughter, I'm just her mom so she knows I would accept her choices. I've met Kristen's new girlfriend, I like her. What's not to accept? She's a lovely girl."

Rumours had been swirling for months about Kristen and Cargile, but I guess swirling wasn't good enough for mom, so there you go. **ALL STORIES NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD**

CHICKEN FLAP

Mila clucks out

It seems Mila Kunis's ex-friend Kristina Karo has, er, chickened out in going through with filing a \$5,000 lawsuit against her, claiming Kunis stole her beloved chicken.

The "friend" claims Kunis kidnapped her pet chicken named Doggie 25 years ago, but tells TMZ that due to a recent revelation in therapy, she has decided not to press charges after all: "I've learned to forgive in my heart the people who have wronged me, like Mila," she tells them. "There is only one judge and that is God. I pray for her soul and the soul of Doggie, that he has found peace finally in chicken heaven."

Good to know all chickens named Doggie go to heaven?

GOSSIP NOTES

Affleck, Garner crush split rumours

While various outlets have Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck practically filing divorce papers, the couple chose the revolutionary option of going to the farmer's market with their kids this weekend.

Somehow, they were able to soldier on to the farmer's market, despite the invis-

ibly shredded tatters of their marital bond.



5 Seconds of Summer catches fire

Well, they certainly know how to bring the heat. 5 Seconds of Summer band member Michael Clifford's face caught fire during a concert in London due to some pyrotechnics gone wrong. Clifford was taken to the hospital and is making a full recovery. The tour will continue.

URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE



The question What are the rules about getting too close on public transit?

Dear Ellen,
I ride a crowded bus to work every morning and try not to crowd anyone, but often when I step back to make space for someone, they simply step forward and close the gap. Even on the days I score a seat, and then move away so as not to touch the

person sitting next to me, they simply spread themselves out further and THEY KEEP TOUCHING ME. What can I do about this?
— Penny, Edmonton

Dear Penny,
Judging by your aversion to human contact, I fear you

may have been raised in the same kind of uptight Anglo Saxon home I grew up in. A home where all emotion — from parental pride to abject disgust — was expressed with dripping sarcasm, and where physical contact was restricted to disapproving elbow jabs or affectionate shoulder punch-

es. Children from families like ours learned from an early age that any kind of non-consensual, non-romantic touching was best avoided altogether.

This kind of attitude does not fly on public transit. Admittedly, there are some gross, turf-hogging individuals who are oblivious to anyone else's personal space. These are the idiots who stick their grocery bags, knapsacks or (ugh) their bellies or backsides in your face while you're sitting on an aisle seat. Not acceptable, and you are certainly justified in politely asking them to back off.

But it sounds as if you are dealing with normal people who are comfortable with the urban jostle. It's actually a lot more normal than your own dysfunctional revulsion at contact with your co-Earthers.

Unless of course they're perverts who are trying to grope you. In which case, you should both jab and punch, and — if you can get over your Anglo-Saxon reticence — scream bloody murder while you're at it.

 **Need advice? Email Ellen at scene@metronews.ca**



PHOTOGRAPHY

Portrait series in defence of black dogs takes off online

It was a summer day at the dog park when Fred Levy, a professional pet photographer, overheard a conversation that he couldn't shake off.

A woman was talking about "Black Dog Syndrome" — a theory that black dogs are less likely to be adopted than those with lighter coats, perhaps because of superstition or a notion that black dogs are aggressive. Experts debate whether it's a myth or reality, but it struck Levy.

That dog park visit was almost two years ago, but it inspired Levy to take on a project that's gained international attention. He calls it the Black Dogs Project, a photo series that features black dogs

against black backdrops, aiming to capture their beauty and counter negative stereotypes.

The photos struck a chord online and quickly went viral. The microblogging website Tumblr counted Levy's blog among its "most-viral" of 2014.

After adjusting to the sudden onslaught of attention, Levy decided to publish the work in a book, titled Black Dogs Project: Extraordinary Black Dogs and Why We Can't Forget Them, slated for release this September. Part of the proceeds will go to a rescue group for Labradors in San Diego.

In the book and on his blog, Levy includes stories about each dog to counter myths about

black dogs.

Early on, the black dogs that Levy photographed came from owners he recruited through his Facebook page. Recently he also started working with abandoned dogs referred to him by shelters. After training his camera on them, he shares their photos online in search of a permanent home.

But his message to viewers isn't necessarily to adopt black dogs. Mostly, he wants people to think beyond appearance when they're adopting pets.

"I want people to make informed decisions on the best dog that will fit into their lifestyle," he said. "The fur shouldn't be the deciding factor." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A springer spaniel named Aki poses pretty for her portrait. FRED LEVY VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cup filled in Chicago

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Blackhawks put an end to historically tight title series

The margin of error was minuscule, the difference between the teams even less.

After playing on a tightrope for two weeks, the dam finally broke and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-0 in Game 6 on Monday night to win one of the tightest Stanley Cup final series in NHL history and capture their third title in the past six years.

GAME 6 In Chicago



The Blackhawks lifted the Cup at the United Center for the first time. It is the first time since 1938 that they have won on home ice.

Duncan Keith scored the clincher on one of the best individual efforts of the playoffs, and Patrick Kane provided the exclamation point with a



Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews hoists the Stanley Cup after defeated the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-0 in Game 6 of the final series on Monday night in Chicago. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

third-period goal.

They got help from goaltender Corey Crawford, who made 25 saves to pick up his first shutout of the final. In total he stopped 151 of the 161 shots he faced to outduel an injured Ben Bishop.

The Lightning's starter again fought through injury but

couldn't be perfect enough. With a banged-up team in front of him, Bishop made 30 saves as Tampa Bay couldn't force a Game 7 back home Wednesday night.

A Game 7 is the only thing that could have made this series more historic. Each of the first five games was decided

by one goal for the first time since 1951.

In the end the difference was not the offensive stars. Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews had just one goal, while Kane didn't get on the board until the final minutes of Game 6.

Lightning captain Steven Stamkos was shut out.

As the series turned into a battle of wills, the Lightning put forth their final burst of desperation facing elimination. But with several players dealing with noticeable injuries, they didn't have enough to push back against the playoff-tested and healthier Blackhawks.

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IN BRIEF

Alouettes move Michael Sam to suspended list

The Montreal Alouettes suspended defensive end Michael Sam on Monday, a move that frees up a roster spot while allowing the Alouettes to retain Sam's CFL rights.

Sam left the Alouettes' training camp for personal reasons last week after being given special permission to return home to Texas.

His departure came three weeks after he became the first openly gay player to sign in the CFL.

The 25-year-old Sam was selected in the seventh round of the 2014 NFL draft by the St. Louis Rams, becoming the first openly gay player chosen by an NFL team. He was later cut by the Rams and from the Dallas Cowboys' practice roster.

A star at Missouri in college, Sam earned SEC Defensive Player of the Year honours in 2013 before turning pro.

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Blazer's undercover duty dates back to 2011

Former FIFA executive committee member Chuck Blazer agreed to act undercover for U.S. prosecutors and has been co-operating since at least 2011 in the government's investigation of soccer corruption.

Blazer's 19-page plea agreement from Nov. 25, 2013, was unsealed Monday after a federal judge agreed to a request by media organizations.

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Canada survives with a draw

Substitute Kirsten Van De Ven scored in the 87th minute as the Netherlands earned a 1-1 draw with host Canada on Monday night at the FIFA Women's World Cup.

However, Canada still finished first in Group A with a win and two draws and will begin single-game knock-out play Sunday in Vancouver against an opponent still to be determined. China was second in the group while the Netherlands, with a win a loss and a draw, was third.

Ashley Lawrence scored early

GROUP A In Montreal



for Canada, but the Dutch were a threat all night with their counter-attacking game and finally got the equalizer with three minutes left in regular time.

A crowd of 45,420 at Olympic Stadium saw coach John Herdman make four lineup

changes looking for offence from a Canadian team whose only goal in the opening two games was on a penalty.

Canada had the early pressure and Lawrence got a goal 10 minutes in on a play that started with a throw-in deep in Dutch territory.

The ball deflected to Sophie Schmidt, who slipped it to Lawrence for a shot that went in off goalkeeper Loes Geurts' knee.

Lawrence nearly added another a minute later but saw her low shot miss the left post.

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Canada's Ashley Lawrence, from left, celebrates her goal against the Netherlands with Allysha Chapman, Kaylyn Kyle and Kadeisha Buchanan. NICHOLAS KAMM/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Mets end Jays' big streak

Wilmer Flores singled to cap a two-out, two-run rally in the 11th inning and the Mets ended Toronto's team record-tying 11-game winning streak, beating the Blue Jays 4-3 Monday night in New York.

The Blue Jays trailed 2-1 in the ninth before Jose Bautista tied it with his second home run of the game.

Toronto took the lead in the 11th on Dioner Navarro's sacrifice fly off Hansel Robles (2-0). The Mets then came back for their fourth win in five games.

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RECIPE Moroccan Kale, Couscous, Goat Cheese and Dried Cranberry Salad



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Tip for this salad: massaging the kale makes it tender. This salad can be dressed hours before serving.

Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes
Serving size: 4

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup dried Israeli couscous (pearl pasta) or small ball pasta
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- Salt and pepper
- 4 cups chopped kale
- 1/2 cup julienned carrot slices
- 1/2 cup yellow or red cherry tomatoes sliced in half
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup toasted

- sliced almonds
- 1/4 cup crumbled goat cheese
- 1 Tbsp chopped mint or basil

Directions

1. Bring a small pot of water to a boil. Add Israeli couscous and cook just until tender. Drain and rinse with cold water.
2. Combine olive oil, lemon juice, maple syrup, vinegar and salt and pepper for dressing. Add kale and massage with fingers for two minutes. Place on serving plate. Top with cooked couscous and remaining ingredients.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 210
- Protein 6 g
- Fibre 2 g
- Fat 11 g
- Saturated fat 3 g
- Cholesterol 5 mg
- Sodium 80 mg

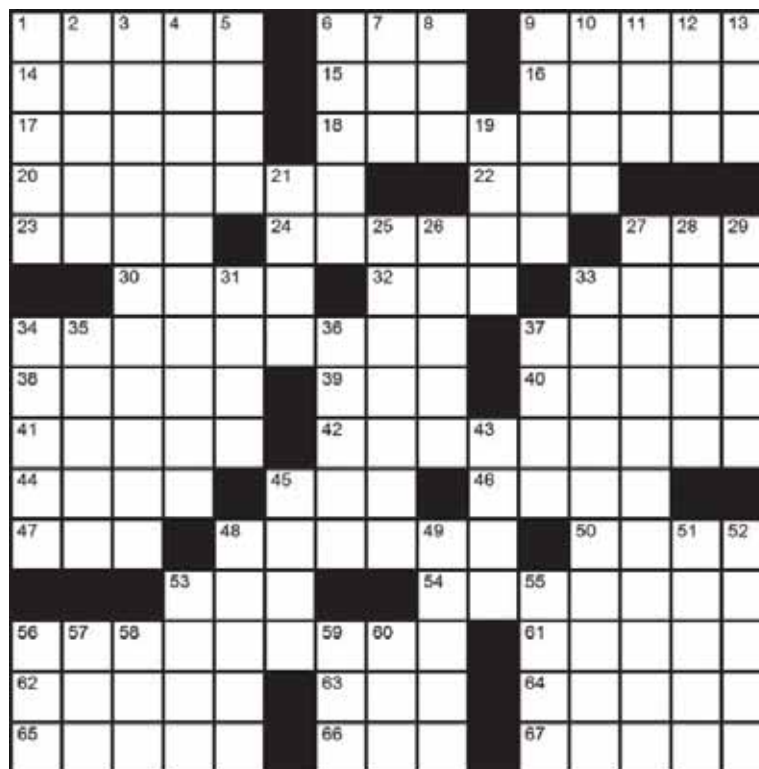
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Bronson Pinchot's "Perfect Strangers" character
6. Wary
9. Wetland
14. Mr. Alda, when in France
15. Teeny
16. Vietnam's capital
17. Assiniboia (Win-nipeg horse racing track)
18. How Cartier and Champlain spent their time in Canada
20. Summer garb: 2 wds.
22. ' ' in Eckville
23. Dionne Warwick's "Walk _ _"
24. _ _ _ (WWII naval craft)
27. General _ (Superman enemy)
30. "From Here to Eternity" (1953) actor, Philip _
32. 1970s President (Monogram)
33. Relinquish control
34. Barely a breath left to breathe: 2 wds.
37. Simon of Duran Duran: 2 wds.
38. Dispense
39. Air Supply's "Just _ _ Am"
40. Q. "Did Steven Tyler appear _ _-DMC's video for 'Walk This Way'?" A. "Yes."
41. Incisions
42. Terrestrial
44. Sardines containers
45. Eastern prov.



46. What 'Manitoba' has in its spelling: word + letter
47. Portion [abbr.]
48. _ Brook, Newfoundland
50. Essences
53. The _ Mani-toba
54. Birthplace of Welsh poet Dylan Thomas

- (b.1914 - d.1953) As per #4-Down... Music and Lyrics: Cyndi Lauper - Book: Harvey _
61. Ms. Rinna, and others
62. Allow in
63. Egg mass
64. Weight units in China

65. Blusher
66. Mr. Van Sant
67. City passageway

DOWN

1. George Thorogood & The Destroyers hit: " _ _ the Bone"
2. Take out _ _ (Borrow money)

3. Sport played at #33-Down: 2 wds.
4. Tony-winning musical on now at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto: 2 wds.
5. Acad.
6. Tidied the floors
7. Curse
8. "Sure!"
9. A young #13-

Down

10. "Star _ _" (1977)
11. Cuckoo bird
12. Wee weekday
13. Farm animal
19. Trim
21. Grand Ole _
25. Canadian comedy impresario Mark
26. 'Labor _ Vincit' (Oklahoma's state motto)
27. Quickly-colonizing problem of fresh waters: 2 wds.
28. Febreze target
29. Canadian singer Mr. Doherty
31. Office phone lines [abbr.]
33. _ Park (Recreational attraction in Moncton)
34. Endures
35. Famous TV puppet
36. Visibly star-struck person
37. Lender's protection
43. Oslo's land, briefly
45. Station
48. Hereditary social class
49. Medieval labourers
51. Bluesy street in Memphis
52. Flip
53. Snoot
55. Sask. neighbour
56. Outlying
57. Bride's vow: 2 wds.
58. Aussie bird
59. Work unit
60. Indebted one's letters

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You seem to have a viewpoint on anything and everything and today's new moon will make you more opinionated than usual. Not all of them will meet with others' approval but since when did an Aries care about that?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You need to find a solution to a problem that has been annoying you. Most likely it has something to do with money and most likely you know what to do but have not yet found the courage to take action. Find it now.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
A new moon in your sign is a wonderful omen that, among other things, gives you huge self-belief. It is not a case of IF you will succeed but WHEN you will succeed, and with that kind of confidence it won't be long.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Your solar year is drawing to a close and a new cycle will begin when the sun moves into your sign next weekend. What you do between now and then is of huge importance. Be brave: chase that dream you have avoided.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Make contact with new people today. Because the new moon falls in one of the more positive areas of your chart you should have no trouble making friends. Group activities of all sorts are under excellent stars.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What you say and do over the next few days will make an impression on employers and colleagues. Make sure it is a good one. Let them know you're ambitious and ready for more responsibility. You will get it.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's new moon suggests you have been in one place too long and need to move on. You need a bigger challenge, so don't hang around: get up, get moving and get a better life.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be suspicious of someone's motives but you must not say so until you know for certain that they are up to no good. If you make accusations you cannot prove you could attract the kind of attention you don't need.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A relationship may be giving you cause for concern but today's new moon will set your mind at ease. Put your differences behind you and focus on things that unite you, rather than divide you. It's still a match made in Heaven.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make sure you are paid the proper amount for whatever tasks you undertake today. You like to help people out but that does not mean they can take advantage and take it for granted that you will work for next to nothing.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A creative or artistic endeavour will go well for you thanks to a new moon in the most dynamic area of your chart, not least because any doubts and fears you had are now firmly behind you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Do what you want today and don't let those who seem to do nothing but criticize talk you down. Keep self-doubts to yourself and act as if you cannot possibly lose and you won't.

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